

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0055] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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After a predetermined length of time elapses following the end (the time point t1) of the shutter front curtain run, the photographing sequence mechanism engages the shutter rear curtain to start its run along the aperture closing direction at the time point t3. The predetermined length of time constitutes the aperture open period set in advance for the front curtain sync photographing mode. It is to be noted that in the ~~rear-front~~ front curtain sync photographing mode, the shutter speed is set lower than the synchronous speed, to a value that assures the required aperture open period.

Please replace paragraph [0062] with the following rewritten paragraph:

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After a predetermined length of time elapses following the end (the time point t1) of the shutter front curtain run, the photographing sequence mechanism engages the shutter rear curtain to start its run along the aperture closing direction at the time point t3. The predetermined length of time constitutes the aperture open period set in advance for the low-speed photographing mode. It is to be noted that in the ~~rear-curtain sync~~ low-speed photographing mode, the shutter speed is set lower than the synchronous speed, to a value that assures the required aperture open period.